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Celebrate Human Rights this Saturday, December 10 *Governor, Des Moines Mayor to Recognize International Human Rights Day*

DES MOINES – Iowans are invited to celebrate International Human Rights Day this Saturday, December 10 in Des Moines. Governor Terry Branstad and Des Moines Mayor T.M. Franklin Cownie will open the program at 10 a.m.

“Celebrate Human Rights” takes place at the Iowa State Historical Building, 600 East Locust St., from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Doors open at 9 a.m. and refreshments will be provided. There is no cost to attend the event.

The family-friendly celebration will include local performances, educational workshops, and a video of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., “From Montgomery to Memphis.” Children will enjoy watching the “Lion Dance” by the Valley High School Dragon and Dance Team. Other performers include the Des Moines Diversity Chorus, Charles Wandag, and Leonard Bell, to name a few. The tentative program is below:

Auditorium

- 9:30 a.m. Opening - The Lion Dance - Valley High School Dragon and Dance Team
- 10:00 a.m. Welcome - Des Moines Mayor T. M. Franklin Cownie and Governor Terry E. Branstad
History of Iowa and Civil Rights (video)
- 10:30 a.m. Java Jews
- 11:10 a.m. Social Groove Community Drummers (African Drum Rhythms)
- 12:30 p.m. From Montgomery to Memphis (video)

Atrium (continuous programming)

- 10:30 a.m. Zumba - Moving to the music (All welcome to participate)
 - Don Brown
 - Des Moines Diversity Chorus
 - Charles Wandag
 - Filipino duet (Faye Philips and Ike Robles).
 - Filipino Dancers
- 1 p.m. Valley Mariachi Band
 - Ruth Ann Gaines (Dramatic speech)
 - Leonard Bell (Poetry)

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